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1. The following are changes in the 6 Frontier Troop Otryad since December 1954:

- a. The 4 Komandatura in Voden (N 42-05, E 26-53), Elkhovo Okoliya, was deactivated. Two of its zastavas were transferred to the 3 Komandatura in Lesovo (N 42-00, E 26-34), Elkhovo Okoliya, and two others to the 5 Komandatura in Fakiya (N 42-12, E 27-05), Grudovo Okoliya. 25X1
- b. [] the 1 Komandatura in Raykova Mogila (N 41-49, E 26-18), Svilengrad Okoliya, was also deactivated. 25X1
- c. At least two zastavas were deactivated and their buildings destroyed. This applies to the 2 Zastava located west of Golyam Dervent (N 41-59, E 26-44), Elkhovo Okoliya, and attached to the 3 Komandatura and probably also to the 3 Zastava of the 1 Komandatura.
- d. Officers from the deactivated units were either discharged or transferred to other units in the 6 Otryad, other otryads, or to some military units. The number of officers in zastavas was decreased from four to three.
- e. In early January 1955, all disciplinary cases from the 6 Otryad were sent to other military units in the interior. This included about 20 troops from the 4 Komandatura, who were later attached to the Interior Troops in Sofia and Mezdra. [] 25X1
- f. Between 7 and 12 May 1955 about 20 troops from the 6 Otryad were transferred to the 5 Otryad and 20 to the 13 Otryad. [] 25X1
[] some zastavas from the 6 Otryad were transferred to the 13 Otryad in Lyubimets (N 41-50, E 26-05), Svilengrad Okoliya, or to the 7 Otryad in Malko Turnovo. 25X1

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2. The 1 or the 2 Otryad was completely deactivated at the end of 1954.²
3. In August 1955, [] the 5 Otryad in Chorbadzhiysko (N 41-23, E 25-24), Momchilgrad Okoliya, will return to Momchilgrad. 25X1
4. In early January 1955 new Frontier Troop recruits from the 1934 and 1935 classes arrived in the 5 and 6 Otryads. The recruits from the 1934 class were trained in Berkovitsa and those of the 1935 class in Petrich.
5. Twelve thousand men from the 1933 and 1934 recruit classes were assigned to the Frontier troops.
6. Frontier troop training battalions were replaced by training komandaturas and zastavas.
7. Students at the Training School for Frontier Troop Junior Sergeants in Ardino, Podelenie 9960, now enter the school directly after being recruited.
8. In April 1955, the German and Czech submachine guns used in the 5 and 6 Otryads were replaced by Soviet Shpagin submachine guns.

1. [] Comment: This statement is doubtful because heretofore only reliable soldiers were believed assigned to the Interior Troops. 25X1
2. [] Comment: Reference states that the Burgas Otryad (8 Otryad) was disbanded in January 1955, but does not mention deactivation of the 1 or 2 Otryad. 25X1

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